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For: METHODS OF IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH ENHANCE  
CASPASE ACTIVITY (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT B

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 26, 1999, in the above-identified application. A petition for a one month extension of time for filing this response is also enclosed.

Please amend the application as follows: